(ख) चावल और गेहूं की अनेक स्थानीय प्रजातियां/परम्परागत किस्में या तो विलुप्त हो गयी है या विलुप्त होने के कगार पर है। पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश में उगायी जाने वाली बिन्दली और तिलकचन्दन जैसी चाँवल की कुछ स्थानीय प्रजातियों/किस्मों को अधिक उपज देने वाली किस्मों द्वारा बदला जा रहा है। इसी प्रकार हरियाणा और पंजाब में उगायी जाने वाली झोना-349और पलमल किस्मों के स्थान पर नई अधिक उपज देने वाली किस्मों को उगाया जा रहा है। चावल की स्थानीय किस्में नामतः रिब्बा, झालु, लालमति, झुमकाया, काप्लेमा, थापाचीनी, नागमति, साठा, बादशाहभोग तथा गेहूं की मिश्री मुन्डेरियां और कन्कू जैसी कुछ स्थानीय किस्में पहले ही समाप्त हो चुकी हैं या समाप्त होने की प्रक्रिया में हैं।

(ग) यह सत्य नहीं है कि "बारहा नॉजा" परम्परा, जो कि गढ़वाल के पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों में प्रचलित है, को निरुत्साहित किया जा रहा है बल्कि यह परम्परा धीरे-धीरे अपने आप कम हो रही है। इसके लिए कुछ कारण नीचे दिये गए हैं:—

(i) किसान नई किस्मों के फायदों और अधिक उपज को देखते हुए "बारहा नॉजा" परम्परा को धीरे-धीरे छोड़ रहे हैं।

(ii) नगदी फसलों को वरीयता देना।

(iii) स्थानीय किस्मों की उपयोगिता के प्रति किसानों की अनभिज्ञता।

SmalL Farmers Agri-Business Consortium

2638. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any tangible progress in implementation of the Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC);

(b) what is the extent of the activity, State-wise of SFAC;

(c) the number of such Centres in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether Government propose to improve such SFAC in Andhra Pradesh in 1999-2000; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (e) (1) Following projects are at the appraisal stage for implementation by the Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC):

(i) Integrated Coconut Development/ Acquaculture/Floriculture	Ernakulum (Kerala)
(ii) Horticulture (Mango grafting, Papaya, Organic Vegetables and Floriculture)	Dharmapuri (Tamil Nadu)
(iii) Horticulture Oilseeds and Poultry	Pondicherry (U.T.)
(iv) Arid-horticulture Seed Multiplication (Groundnut) and procesing of Non-traditional Oils	Bikaner (Rajasthan)
(v) Horticulture (Mango, Chicko) and Acquaculture	Valsad (Gujarat)
(vi) Vegetables and Flower Marketing and Wasteland Development	Midnapur (West Bengal)
(vii) Sustainable Intensive Farming and Creation of Infrastructure	Barpeta (Assam)
(viii) Horticulture (Fruits Nurseries) Kewada, Aromatic Plants and Vegetable Seed production Inland and Coastal Acquaculture	Gajapati (Orissa)
(ix) Cotton Ginning Pressing, Chilly, Oleoresin Extraction and Particle Board Making	Dharwad (Karnataka)
(x) Horticulture (Fruit Flowers and Vegetables) Mustard Seed Production Sericulture, Sheep and Dairy Farming, Wasteland Development	Mehboob Nagar (Andhra Pradesh)

(xi) Medicinal Plants Cultivation of Legums Food Processing Ringal, Agro-Forestry, Cold Water Fisheries, Community Economic Tourism, Essential Oil Distribution and Polyhouse Vegetables Cultivation	Pithoragarh (Uttar Pradesh)
(xii) Horticulture (Organic Vegetable Cultivation and Trading, Potato Seed Multiplication) Poultry and Wasteland Development)	Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh)
(xiii) Vegetable, Flower Seed production, Acquaculture, Irrigation & Water-Management, Soil Conservation, Land Development Sericulture, Live-stock, Non-Farm Sector, Agro-processing Wasterland Development, Agro-forestry Marketing, Storage and Export on Commercial lines.	Pune (Maharashtra)

2. **Projects implemented:**

(i) An Agri-Business Information Centre has been set up at Chandigarh in association with Punjab Agro Industries Corporation.	(Pun
(ii) SFAC Kerala has been given 50.00 lakhs grant with which they are assisting Small farmers for value addition in their hands by taking up coconut wood and 'pandanus' based activities.	(Kerala)

Target for Rice and Wheat Production

2639. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the production of rice and wheat during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99; and

(b) the year-wise details thereof alongwith steps taken to increase the production of rice during 1999-2000 and also in the remaining years of Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) The target fixed for the production of rice and wheat during the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 were as follows:

(Million tonnes)

Year	Rice	Wheat
1996-97	81.00	65.00
1997-98	83.00	68.50
1998-99	84.20	70.00

For increasing the production of rice during 1999-2000 and also in the remaining years of Ninth Plan, a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice) will be implemented in 17 major rice producing States/UT. Incentive are proposed to be provided on transfer of technologies through demonstrations and farmers' trainings. Assistance on use of certified seeds and selective mechanisation like power tillers etc. will also be provided under the programme.

गन्ने के उत्पादन के लिए योजनाएं

2640. **श्री राज मोहिन्दर सिंह:**
श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामुवालिया:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने देश में गन्ने का उत्पादन बढ़ाने और इसकी उत्पादन लागत कम करने के लिए एक योजना को क्रियान्वित करने का निर्णय लिया है;